U.S COAST GUARD

Pacific Northwest 13th District

27-foot Utility Boat

Crew: 2-3
Original Cost: $119,000
Length: 27 feet
Beam: 10 feet
Draft: 29.5 inches trim down

Displacement: 7560 lbs
Speed: 50-60 knots
Range: 150-250 nm
Endurance: 3-6 hours

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General Information: The prototype 27-foot utility boat, built by Safeboats International in Bremerton, Wash., was delivered to Coast Guard Station Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 22, 2000.

The 7,560 pound vessel is equipped with high-tech electronics and offers higher speed and greater maneuverability than the 23-foot boat it replaced, which would reach speeds of about 30 mph. The 27-foot has the ability to reach from zero to 50 mph in three seconds, better meeting the demand of saving lives and stopping drug smuggling along the U.S.-Canadian border.

Station Bellingham crew members tested the boat's abilities Aug. 30, when they kept pace with a boat that carried 126 pounds of marijuana near Sinclair Island, Wash. Two men were arrested in the incident.

The new 27-footer has an extended cabin for greater crew comfort and capacity. It also has an insulated cabin for better heat retention, to protect the crew against harsh Northwest weather conditions.

Missions: With twin outboards, a 250 gallon fuel tank and a cabin designed for maxim visibility, the 27-foot utility boat has the range and crew protection necessary for a variety of missions, including maritime law enforcement, search and rescue and recreational boating safety.

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